

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 457

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize CASA of the Tennessee Heartland for its twenty-five years of service to the good people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary organizations that are comprised of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the young people in our State; and

WHEREAS, CASA of the Tennessee Heartland, serving Anderson, Blount, and Scott counties, is one such sterling organization whose mission is to empower CASA volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in juvenile court; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 600,000 children experience foster care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that foster children with a CASA volunteer spend half the amount of time in foster care than their peers without a CASA volunteer; and

WHEREAS, CASA of the Tennessee Heartland is one of nearly 1,000 CASA programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, in the last twenty-five years, CASA of the Tennessee Heartland has served more than 5,300 children; and

WHEREAS, CASA of the Tennessee Heartland is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be specially recognized for its service to the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend CASA of the Tennessee Heartland for its twenty-five years of devoted service to advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children in

juvenile court and thank the organization for its service to Anderson, Blount, and Scott counties and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.